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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IN GUATEMALA

1. I REQUEST AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING TO SEND JAMES VAN FLEET, DEPUTY AID MISSION DIRECTOR, TO THE GUATEMALA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE INSTEAD OF THE NEWLY NAMED DCM, WILLIAMS BEAL, WHO WILL BE OUR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WHEN HE ARRIVES IN JANUARY. MR. BEAL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT IN HIS HOME LEAVE AND CONSULTATION SCHEDULE. VAN FLEET HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HE HAS BEEN WORKING DIRECTLY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH ME ON THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDY, THE ACCELERATED SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT, AND WAS MY FORMAL LIAISON TO THE NICHOLSON SURVEY TEAM.

2. DAVID ARROYO, AID NARCOTICS OFFICER, WILL ALSO ATTEND. ART SEDILLO, DEA SAIC, WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE DEA PARTICIPATION. BOTH ARE GOOD OFFICERS AND CAN COVER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES. YET I WISH TO HAVE A SENIOR OFFICER IN LIEU OF THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR REPRESENT THE MISSION, WHO CAN DISCUSS ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES, WHO WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY, AND WHO CAN GIVE ME AND OUR STAFF THE BEST BRIEFING ON THE CONFERENCE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP SO I CAN HAVE VAN FLEET ARRANGE HIS TRAVEL.
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